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Forum Guest To Consider Proletariat

Granville Hicks, Well-Known Communist, Will Discuss Middle Class Future

Granville Hicks, fellow of American History at Harvard University, will discuss "The Future of the Middle Class" at the Forum dinner-discussion Wednesday, January 11 at 6:15 p. m., in Severance.

Because of his activities in the Communist Party, Hicks's appointment to the fellowship last April caused much comment. He is one of seven men assigned to different houses to encourage Harvard undergraduates in the informal study of American History. Previously, Hicks had served as editor for *The New Masses*, a communist periodical. After graduation from Harvard *summa cum laude* in 1923, he was a member of the faculty at Smith College, later of Rensslaer Polytechnical Institute. He has written *The Great Tradition*, a book of literary criticism, and *John Reed: The Making of a Revolutionary*, a biography of an earlier Harvard radical. *I Like America: A Native Sees His Country as It Is and as It Might Be* is his most recent book.

Mrs. Loomis To Give Lecture On Legends

Mrs. R. S. Loomis of the English Literature Department will talk on her book, *Arthurian Legends in Medieval Art*, January 9. The lecture will be of special interest to literature majors and is open to all. The hour and place of the meeting will be announced.

Classes Plan Three Big Dances Of Year

Gloria Hine '41 is the newly-chosen Chairman of the Sophomore Tea Dance which will be given Saturday, February 25.

The class of 1940 elected Mary-Eliza Turner Junior Prom Chairman at a meeting held December 1, 1938, in Billings Hall. The tentative date for the Prom is May 4, 1939.

Jane Harrison '39, Chairman for Senior Prom, has announced the following committee chairmen: Orchestra, Dorothea White; Refreshments, Frances Cottingham; Decorations, Virginia Chamberlain; Programs and Invitations, Constance Brown; Secretary, Camilla Davis; Treasurer, Mary Pfeiffenberger. The class, by vote, changed the date of Senior Prom from March 3 to March 4.

N. Y. CLUB SPONSORS VERSE-SPEAKING CHOIR

The Wellesley Verse Speaking Choir will present the same program as they are to give at the December 9 Christmas recital in the College Chapel, December 16, at 4 o'clock, at the Cosmopolitan Club on Riverside Drive in New York City. In addition to the selections presented at that time the New York presentation will also include two arias and a choral refrain, *I Saw Three Ships*, an old English ballad; a solo with choral accompaniment, *The Shepherd's Song* by Myles Connolly, and at the end of the Epiphany, a *Combined Form for a Christmas Masque*, by William G. Collingwood.

Barbara Oliver '40, will not be one of the Light Voices at this recital, but her place will be taken by Katherine Buchanan '40, and Marian Colwell '40. Barbara Ketchum '37 will be added to the group of Dark Voices.

MME. CHIANG KAI-SHEK

This famous Wellesley alumna has just written "Messages in War and Peace," a review of which appears in the special literary supplement on page five.

COLLEGE RECOLLECTS '27 STONE HALL FIRE

Formal Dinner Will Mark Tenth Anniversary of New Building; Guests to Enjoy a Skit

On March 8, 1927, extras startled Wellesley students in Boston by announcing in dire terms the fire that had just attacked Stone Hall. Sheets of flames and clouds of smoke surrounded the swaying cupola and the roof of the building, though there were no casualties. A temporary top was soon erected to protect the exposed area. Two months later President Pendleton was delighted to be able to announce that John D. Rockefeller, Jr. had endowed Wellesley with $350,000 for building a new dormitory in two units on the site of the former Stone Hall. This building, composed of Olive Davis and Stone, was completely ready for occupation on January 9, 1929.

President McAfee and the deans of the college will attend a formal dinner to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the new Stone Hall January 9, 1939. Mrs. Jessie Engles, the first head of house in the remodeled building, will also be present. In after-dinner speeches, during which Mrs. Louise B. More, present head of house, will be toastmistress, both Mrs. Engles and Miss Elizabeth W. Manwaring expect to discuss the vicissitudes of moving.

Entertainment will include an original skit written by Elizabeth Golden '39 and acted by members of Stone.

Miss Carter Treats Palestine Problem

In order that a satisfactory settlement be made in the Jewish - Arab conflicts in Palestine, the Arabs must give up their ideas of self-government and the Jews must relinquish their claims to political and religious domination. This is the opinion which Miss Gwendolyn Carter, instructor of Political Science, gave in a talk on "Palestine" in Pendleton Hall, Monday afternoon, December 14. The conflicting interests of the two people are geographical, economic, and political. The Zionist movement, resulting as it has in a huge population increase within the country, has tended over a period of years to transfer, through sale, a good part of the most productive Arab land to the Jews. This same population increase has raised the question of whether Palestine can support the influx. The Arabs have not sold their vast holdings in orange groves, which form the most important export of the country. They have also felt indirectly the benefits of large amounts of capital which the immigrants brought in with them, mainly through improved methods of extensive agricultural pursuits.

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Senate Approves Revision Of Wellesley's Judicial System

A SOUND MIND

Who are the rosy-cheeked outdoor girls that bring so much fresh air and energy to sleepy Shafer breakfasts? Why, those are the members of the 7:40 Club (rumored to be a local branch of the Polar Bears of America), a new organization on campus but one that has already made a big noise. For verification of the noise, ask those quad dwellers who have optimistically tried to sleep between the precious hours of 7:15 and 7:40 a. m.

The members leap out of bed, usually to the tune of "Workers, Arise," a Junior Show contribution, rendered in the sleepy voices of the earliest risers, whip into their clothes and out of the house for a few laps around the quad before breakfast. It is hard to measure the popularity of the club by the number of members because the number of "elevator members." (forced into membership because they are unlucky enough to get in the elevator at the same time as the "regulars") varies daily. Donald, the Shafer janitor, is official starter for the club. As the members catapult out into the brisk morning air he gives the signal with a flourish of the broom, and cheers the runners loudly as they pant down the home stretch.

The 7:40 Club has issued a biting challenge to Beebe to join in the morning workout, but to date only two of the most adventurous souls have ventured forth. There are plans afoot for Pomeroy and Cazenove contingents of the 7:40 Club, and all it really needs now is a faculty adviser, who of course would have to be among the most active members! Applications for this position are being carefully considered.

New Plan to Simplify Court Action Will Not Summon Minor Offenders

The Senate of College Government has approved a new plan of procedure for the District Court, with a view towards making it function more effectively and to the greater advantage both of the student body and of the Court. This new system will go into effect immediately following Christmas vacation. Its purpose is to promote greater consistency in the treatment of court cases, as well as to avoid bringing cases to Court which can be handled just as effectively by House Presidents and Village Juniors.

The new plan was explained to Senate by Ruth Coleman '39, Chief Justice of Superior court, at a meeting Friday afternoon, December 9 at 4:40 p. m. The plan has been under careful consideration since last spring. Anna Tiebout '39, President of C. G., and Margaret Anderson '39, Chairman of House Presidents' Council, have helped Miss Coleman in drawing up the revised court system.

METHOD OF COURT APPEAL

A group of definite penalties have been devised for specific misdemeanors. Such penalties will be given by House Presidents and Village Juniors during their office hours. No exception will be made by them in giving such penalties. If a student feels that she has an excuse for her actions, or that the penalty given is unjust in her particular case, the proper procedure will be to appeal by letter to the Court, which will review the case, although it will not be necessary for the girl to appear in person. The letter must contain a statement of the case, the girl's excuse for her conduct, and, in all possible cases, a statement of what she might have

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Workmen View Wellesley Airily; Winds Postpone Work on Pinnacles

By Jean Pinanski

The windy forces of nature which became sufficiently powerful during the recent hurricane to sweep three of the sculptured pinnacles from the tower of Green Hall right down through the roof, and to loosen badly the fourth pinnacle, have interfered with the work of reconstruction that had been begun on the tower. Mr. Wilford P. Hooper, Superintendent of the College buildings, reports that because of the winter weather conditions, the task of redecorating the upper extremities of the administration building has been postponed until the advent of spring weather.

Old Spire Becomes Model

It is not difficult to perceive how windy blasts interfere with work on the tower, since practically all the work in attaching the newly carved pinnacles to the old bases has to be done by workmen perched precariously on swing chairs over 150 feet in the air. The new pinnacles were carved in Cambridge by Alexander Thompson, who used the salvaged fourth pinnacle as a model. Each of the pinnacles, which are 15 feet high, will be attached to the Tower by means of Monel Metal. Isaac Blair, who was in charge of hoisting the bells to the carillon tower, has directed the task of raising the pinnacles to the roof of Green Hall, where they are at present resting until the commencement of spring work. Naturally, the freshly carved pinnacles looked too new in comparison with the stone work on the rest of the building. In order to eliminate this appearance, they have been specially treated to simulate the appearance of age.

Mr. Hooper estimates that the stone alone, used in the process of reconstruction, will cost about $1,500, while the cost of manual labor will probably double this amount.

Workmen Regret Dismissal

Frank Daly and Tom Sullivan, two of the men who have spent most of the past few weeks observing Wellesley from the air, told this reporter that they regretted leaving the campus immensely. In reply to a query on their view from such a height, the men answered, "The buildings look beautiful, but the girls look even better!" Wellesley after a snowstorm also appealed to the aesthetic side of their natures, and since they have been engaged in aerial work for more than twelve years, Messrs. Daly and Sullivan are not at all intimidated by the height at which they work. They really do enjoy the view.

Students From Far Lands Picture Contrasting Christmas Traditions

By Elisabeth Green

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there."

But other countries do it differently I discovered when interviewing students hailing from distant lands.

In Holland, said Antonia Boissevaint '40, presents are given on St. Nicholas Day, December 6. Dutch children, less ambitious than U. S. infants, put out their shoes instead of their stockings. Diplomatically, they also put out a bowl of water and hay for the white stallion on which St. Nicholas rides through the sky. The Saint, incidentally, hails from Spain, and has a little black helper who spanks all the bad children and carries them off to Spain in a sack. Amsterdam has a city festival in which St. Nick actually arrives in a boat to be welcomed by the mayor and the entire juvenile population of the city.

Austria's "Nikolo Day"

Fete days abound in Austria, according to Helen Haas, a Viennese student. December 23, 24, and 25 are holidays. Here, too, they have the Christmas tree, but their Christmas dinner includes, instead of our standard turkey and plum pudding, fish soup, fish, a compote of dried peas, and the famed *applestrudle*. The Austrians also celebrate December 5, Nikolo Day, when children's shoes are put in the window and everything is decorated in red. Not content with all this excitement, they add Three Kings Day, during which the country children, wearing crowns, carry apples, nuts, and cakes around the neighborhood.

Maria Herrera '41, who has lived in France, says that France too, celebrates several holidays. Boots, biscuits, and wine lure St. Nick down the chimney on December 6. The family presents are given on Christmas Day, but each child receives a trinket from the Baby Jesus at midnight of Christmas Eve, at which time there is also a big feast of turkey and chestnuts.

German "Tannenbaum"

Goose is the national dish (as well as the national step) in Germany Hannalene Kipper, Sp., told your reporter. Having a little difficulty in her interview, she ventured a timid "Tannenbaum?" and assured us that Germany, too, cherished the Christmas tree. Presents are given out on Christmas Eve. On the last Sunday before Christmas they hold a preview in which a small tree is set up, and preliminary carols are sung.

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Agenda to Legenda

The *Legenda* board joins with the NEWS in suggesting for the coming year, a change from the present manner of electing the editor-in-chief and the business manager of *Legenda*. As it is now, the class nominates and elects these two officers in the spring of junior year. The two girls chosen then select their own boards of about five or six people, usually from the senior class.

These are responsible positions which should be filled most carefully by girls who are able, well trained, and closely connected with campus activities. With the present system, those elected are not always members of the board of the previous year but often step in from outside. In this case, they find it necessary to begin from the beginning and to learn the groundwork, technical details, and routine of organization at the same time that they are carrying on their official functions. This is an extremely difficult task, and at first, at least, an almost overwhelmingly confusing one.

While an efficient board can and does develop with this system of election, we feel that a better way might be found which would make it easier for the editor and business manager. We realize it would be impossible to have tryouts for the board and to have the staff itself choose the editor and business manager. But we suggest that it might be feasible to have the Junior class in its fall elections choose as one of its officers a Junior editor who would work with the senior editor-in-chief, as a member of the board her Junior year. Then, as a Senior, she would automatically become the editor. Or there might be more choice if the class selected two Junior editors one of whom would be chosen the editor-in-chief. The same practice might be made with the business board. Here an associate business manager might be chosen to work with the business manager whose duties she would eventually take over.

This method of choosing from members of the board would still leave to the class the primary voice in the election, but it would make it possible for the new officers to avoid much confusion and adjustment and to start the work going more smoothly more quickly. It would insure them previous experience and knowledge of the personnel and working of the magazine.

The Christmas Symbols

Tomorrow, when we start for home, the Christmas spirit will have been well inaugurated. Symbols, which man so desperately needs in his struggle to comprehend any abstract idea, have again been invoked, not as worn-out forms, but as revered traditions, full of meaning.

The cosmopolitan nature of Christmas celebrations was evidenced last week when the French, Italian, Spanish, and German clubs made the atmosphere of Great Hall of Tower Court suddenly intimate. Once again shepherds crowded around a tiny creche, and again there echoed the traditional carols. Sunday, the choir members brought a perfect expression of ancient choral tributes to Christ, and in faculty windows throughout the evening, flickering candles blinked back a warm response to carol serenaders, who also made the welkin ring on campus. Christmas step-singing, Christmas dinners, Christmas parties, evergreens with colored lights, Yule logs, and plum puddings—we have enjoyed them all, and something latent in our hearts during the whole year has found fuller expression now; that something is the Christmas spirit, that something which emanates from the image of Tiny Tim and the whole of Dickens' *Christmas Carol*.

And when we go home, there will be the flurried concealment of special gifts, the gay flutter of Christmas ribbons, the smell of new-cut spruce, the red-berried holly and the shiny mistletoe, and, if we are lucky, a cloud of snow before the wreath on the door.

It is only the veneered and the shallow, the smug and the selfish, who scorn these Christmas symbols as temporary manifestations designed to gratify sentimentality and personal emotions. For most of those who look at lighted candles or hear the bells ring out on Christmas Eve, the Christmas season has value in drawing us out of ourselves to contemplation of a higher truth, and of those abstractions for which our symbols stand—"Peace on earth, good will towards men."

Words to the Unwise

Most of us going home for vacation will find ourselves driving cars again for the first rime in months. We will probably be driving late at night, in overcrowded cars, unused to the bad road conditions and the decreased visibiliry of these sbortest days of the year. It would be well for us to remember that the holiday season shows a 39 per cent increase over the annual rate for *serions* accidents. We are largely responsible for this increase. Let's be more careful this year.

Marriage Course

A proposed outline for a series of lectures on marriage and its problems, which Seniors have discussed in house meetings during the past week, has evoked wide interest, if not entire approval as it stands. The idea, which originated with two Senior members of a sub-committee of the Curriculum Committee, will be brought before the faculty for consideration in the future. According to the plan, lectures will come under three main divisions—biological, psychological, and practical aspects of marriage, the last category including budgeting, meal planning, and interior decoration. The lectures, as proposed, will be given once a week between February and spring vacation by members of the faculty asked to speak by the Committee. It is suggested that next year the lectures may become a semester or full year course with outside speakers, specialists in their fields, and with the supervision of a single Wellesley faculty member.

Such a course which represents a synthesis of many departments has been experimented with, not always successfully, at many colleges, notably Vassar and M. I. T. It will represent an even broader consideration of the subject of the family than is taken up in the course entitled *The Family*, offered this year for the first time by the Department of Economics and Sociology. An attempt to combine departments is made at Vassar in the major in Child Study, for which corrclative courses in Economics, Psychology, Physiology, and Zoology are required. Sarah Lawrence emphasizes the practical by having its own nursery school on the campus. Rollins lists a course entitled *The Family*, which specifically stresses education for marriage.

Whether or not academic credit should be given at Wellesley for a course of this nature is questionable. For this reason, the decision of the Committee to suggest experimenting this year with the lectures on an optional basis, before establishing them as a part of the curriculum, seems wise. If kept in the status of an optional, non-credit lecture course, without outside preparation or pre-requisites, the "marriage course" may give an opportunity to those who wish to take advantage of it, without conflicting with the usual academic work for Senior year.

Letter To Santa

Mr. Santa Claus,
North Pole.
Dear Sir:

In this year of planned aggression,
When young men must "seek expression
Of healthy passions" in repression,
Of helpless men and women;

When air-craft guns and battleships
Mix with the skis for Christmas gifts,
And it is hard to span the rifts
Between the nations;

As you hand to each ruler his book of laws
For the coming year, dear Santa Claus,
Be sure there's a section called "Sanity Clause"
With no amendment.

Yours sincerely,
S. H. '40

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All contributions for this column must be signed with the full name of the author. Initials or numerals will be used if the writer so desires.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions and statements in this column.

Contributions should be in the hands of the Editors by 11 A. M. on Monday.

In Gratitude

To the Wellesley College News:

Christian Association wishes to thank all those who gave their generous cooperation in planning and carrying out the Christmas party for the college employees. We are especially indebted to Miss McAfee, Mr. Height, Mrs. Covey, Mrs. Alexander, for without their help such a party could not have been possible.

Christian Association

Employees Give Thonks

To the Wellesley College News:

We wish to express our gratitude to all those, who through their kindness and hard work, made the party of December 6 a grand success.

Shafer Employees

De Gustibus Non Disputondum Est

To the Wellesley College News:

Once upon a time—well anyway, it seems long enough ago to have been a fairy tale—I was sent from the table to eat in the kitchen because I had been a rude and bad-mannered little girl.

"I don't like this," I had said in a petulant voice about the food. In our house—perhaps we are old-fashioned and reactionary—it is considered impolite to ruin the pleasure of others at meals by complaining that food is not precisely to our taste.

If such standards of behavior were enforced at Wellesley dining tables, each meal would find the kitchens overcrowded with culprits. There are a few of us who have often been strongly tempted to shove the chronic whiners away to the kitchen and enjoy meals at a table not ringed by pouting faces. Do the families of these girls permit them to comment constantly on the food in their homes? If they do, it calls to mind a rather unpleasant picture of the home life of Wellesley students.

It seems hardly possible that Wellesley dietitians and cooks are conspiring to serve inedible food and starve the student body. Normal girls with normal likes and dislikes, and healthy appetites for wholesome, varied, well-served food should find enough at every meal for gustatory satisfaction. And if they don't, and if they consider themselves normal, and if they wish others to consider them well-mannered, won't they please take their complaints to the dietitian and let the rest of us eat our food in peace?

A. L. '41

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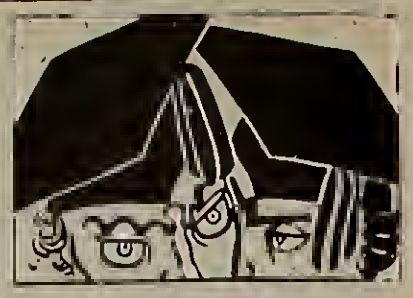

CAPS AND FROWNS

FOWL PLAY

The Railway Express Company delivered an unusual package to a Tower Court Sophomore who was celebrating her birthday Friday, December 2. Contents, one live chicken! Card enclosed: "Sorry, I can't cook but you can fry!" It seems that when home for Thanksgiving the said Sophomore had expressed to one of her friends a more than mild desire for fried chicken on her birthday, and he, not wishing her to be disappointed, had done the utmost in his power to gratify her wish.

Unfortunately, this beautiful specimen of feminine poultry never reached even the first floor of the Tower domain, let alone the intimacy of the young lady's boudoir. Relegated to the basement, the hen, nevertheless, enjoyed the tender care of the janitor, in whose hands her fate now rests.

ORCHIDS TO HIMSELF

A South African journalist has modestly "invited" the University of Akron to confer an honorary degree upon him. Enclosing four manuscripts, two volumes of letters, and an assurance of his superior literary attainments, the applicant even offered to pay registration or any other necessary fees.

A NEW DOG'S LIFE

A novel idea for a floor show was that employed at the Todd Union dance where the canine mascots of the various fraternities, loosed on the ball room floor, scrambled around in competition for a blue ribbon and a can of dog food.

BACHELORS AT PURDUE

A new note in the definition of bachelors is struck by Purdue which defines a bachelor as a man who didn't have a ear when he was young.

COLLEGE HUMDRUM

"More students might be satisfied with the humdrum monotony of college life if Hollywood college movies didn't offer such a contrast" declares the Syracuse *Daily Orange*, which believes students go to college movies to see a kind of life they've never found.

COLLEGE RHYTHM

To college, to college,
To get a diploma.
Home again, home again,
Still in a coma.
The Tarquin, quoted in Beaver News

HE-MEN

During our recent taste of real winter weather, three Yale Freshmen, called Penguin, Igloo and Ice-Cube, broke the ice for a brief swim in Woodbridge Pond. While sipping iced-tea on a snow-drift after the plunge, they discussed plans for the formation of a swimming team which should enjoy Lake Michigan during the holidays.

A PAYING CRIME

The Denver University *Clarion* disputes the statement that crime does not pay. Since men students assisted in the arrest of marauders on the campus, they have become increasingly popular with the adoring females who call nightly. One of them telephoned dramatically at the stroke of midnight! And a girl who accompanied the students was offered a scholarship.

THE PEREGRINATING PRESS

PERRY eagerly joined the heated Spanish class discussion of passionate love, incited by the translation "Her arms ever fascinated him." The professor listened objectively to the mêlé and then patiently informed her disillusioned class that, in this case, "arms" referred to guns and sabres.

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"We will now discuss those quizzes you took last Saturday," announced the professor. The girl next to Perry looked slightly bewildered. "Don't you remember," the prof. insisted, "those quizzes you wrote for me Thanksgiving week-end when I was away enjoying myself?" "Oh that!" she replied calmly; "I wasn't here—I was away enjoying myself, too."

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EVER with an eye to a new slant on the old story of counting the days until vacation, a certain young Freshman has lined her walls with pictures of movie stars to take the place of the proverbial paper dolls. When Perry remarked on this unusual arrangement, the Freshman answered, "Why, I've got it fixed so that the last day I'll be all alone with Robert Taylor."

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While reading an Elizabethan lyric about flowers, Perry's instructor told about a little girl who brought her teacher a bouquet one day. The child remarked, "I have some flowers for you, teacher. They're not very pretty nor very fresh, but somehow they made me think of you."

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Perry accompanied Bobby, aged 4, and his mother in town last week to go shopping. Bobby, who had been in before and had seen Santa Claus, asked to see him again. Mother said he hadn't arrived yet. But Bobby insisted on waiting. "He's just out to lunch," he said. "He'll be right back."

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RUSHING to meet a young man, a friend of Perry's hurried into a pair of shoes that had just come back from the cobbler. It wasn't until she heard a queer noise beneath her that she realized that instead of tips, her shoes had been provided with taps.

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Perry was especially amused over a recent conversation between a Wellesley Junior and her Dartmouth man. "Well, *you'd* be four and a half hours late, too," the boy protested.

It seems the Dartmouth lad had been about an hour's drive from Boston. While going about 70, he saw a policeman, so turned down a side street. He put up the top of his convertible and started nonchalantly off in the opposite direction from Boston. But the cop was not to be fooled.

"Where are you going, buddy?" he asked the boy.

"To Maine, sir."

"Oh, I see. Supposin' I escort you there."

He followed the boy way up into New Hampshire.

"So you see," the boy explained to Perry's Wellesley friend, "I had to go a little out of my way."

A friend of Perry's drove all the way from Vancouver, B. C., to visit a Junior. The evening of the long expected event arrived—but no caller! An early morning phone call the next day revealed sad news. After his long jaunt from the coast, the young man had fallen asleep in a Boston hotel room and slept through his date!

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RETURNING a quiz paper to a friend in the infirmary, Perry noticed its only comment was "Illegible." "Well," remarked the girl as Perry mentioned it, "I figure if the faculty make my quizzes hard for me, I'll just make them hard for them."

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Perry was much amused the other night when one of his friends, who was signing out, wrote her escort's name under "date," then appeared completely baffled when she arrived at "escort."

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Trotting down the aisle to *Joy to the World* at two beats to the measure tires even the most athletic Choir member. "It would have been perfect," she said breathlessly to Perry, "if only the last two had pulled a rickshaw!"

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YES, Perry sympathizes with a professor's dazed expression when a student replied to a question, "The theory of exchange, as I understand it, is not very well understood."

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Digressions appear in the best of Bible classes, and somehow Shakespeare came into the discussion. Perry's professor told the class about a man who, after seeing *Hamlet* in New York, remarked, "I don't like these plays built up on famous quotations."

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One of Perry's friends was debating whether to take a call from a very persistent but not too-well-liked admirer. Resistance proved impossible, however, when the weary maid urged, "Poor boy, give him a break."

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Just as the Wellesley orchestra went on the air over a broadcast of their recent concert at Harvard, Perry was amused to notice the usually poised conductor in the throes of "mike fright" over some short introductory remarks to the radio audience. Perry was even more amused when he found some student had tripped over the microphone cord, and the leader's opening remarks had not even been broadcast.

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One of Perry's friends, to whose lot it fell to donate her room for the use of the gentlemen guests for Fall Formals, was deeply touched by the thoughtfulness of two escorts. One left her a brand new electric razor and the other left on her bureau a twenty-five cent tip!

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Perry the Pressman

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Senate Passes New Procedure Of Court

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done to avoid the mistake. In this way the court hopes to avoid summoning to Court persons who have adequate excuses for their mistakes, and also to save the Court the trouble of reviewing cases which are inexcusable, yet, relatively, of minor importance.

The Court will make an increased effort to bring before it any persons who have either consecutively failed to conform to College Government rules, or whose conduct in any single instance is serious enough to warrant consideration by the whole Court. For this reason persons accumulating *six irregularities in the course of one semester* will be summoned to Court. Previous irregularities will be cancelled at the beginning of each new semester rather than at the beginning of each academic year as has previously been the case. Exception will be made for the present semester, however, and summons will come only at the accumulation of eight irregularities.

MISS CARTER OUTLINES PALESTINE'S SITUATION

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Politically, under the mandatory form of government administered by Great Britain, the Jews are united, under the banners of Zion and of the Revisionists, a radical party, with the aim of making Palestine a national homeland. The Arabs, on the other hand, have demanded majority representation in all the councils called to settle the differences between these peoples, and have refused to co-operate unless it was assured them. The result has culminated in the terrorism of the past months.

Great Britain, exercising her prerogative of mandate, has consistently tried to protect the interests of both parties and to maintain a balance between them. The Peale Commission sent by her to investigate the situation, recommended partition, but the Arabs felt they were getting the worst portion of land and no seaports. The Woodhead Commission of this year, reporting on the technical possibilities of division of territory, feel that it is not feasible. The results therefore have since taken the form of an invitation by Great Britain to representatives of both factions to attend a Round Table Conference in London.

Travel Bureau Chooses Two New Staff Members

The Wellesley College Travel Bureau is pleased to announce the addition of Elizabeth Gregory '40 and Elcanor Webster '42 to its staff.

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Students Describe Christmas Customs

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In the country regions of Norway, so says Wellesley's only Norwegian student, Theodora Bugge '42, parties and feasts last for six days. The pig's head is the *pièce de résistance* there, and is set out Christmas Eve and nibbled at steadily. Peasant custom places stalks of grain in front of the houses for the birds, and a bowl of cereal in the stable for a mysterious dwarf who appears at Christmastide.

A native of Budapest, Barbara Weinek, Sp., told your reporter that in Hungary presents are given on both Mikulas, December 6, and Christmas Eve. On the latter, midnight mass is held, and a traditional (but not too tasty, we gathered) dinner of noodles, poppy seeds, and fish. It is then that the little boys, dressed as shepherds, sing carols from house to house.

Chinese Importation

Christmas in China, says Harriet Mills '41, who has lived in the land of pigtails, is definitely an imported festival. Those who celebrate the event, however, throw themselves into it with typical Chinese zeal, with display of many fireworks, red paper Santa Clauses, and lattice-work banners depicting the wisemen. A new garment is the chief aim in a Chinese Christmas, and foreigners living in the land have found the gifts most popular with the servants to be material for clothing, some money, and *soap and towels*—all wrapped, of course, in red paper.

According to Dorothy Fenner '42, the natives in the Dominican Republic come to dance and sing at 4 o'clock in the morning for the benefit of the foreigners. Dressed as animals, and wearing bull's horns, their costume hardly bespeaks the Yuletide as we know it.

In spite of the difference in customs, the spirit seems to be the same. Whether it's "*Noel*," or "*Frohliche Weinachten*," the idea is still

"Merry Christmas to all and to all
a goodnight."

A. S. U. Postpones Lecture By J. Lane Indefinitely

Jesse Lane, General Organizer of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, was to have spoken on the C. I. O.—A. F. L. conflict on December 8 in Pomeroy. However, unforeseen complications caused his talk to be postponed indefinitely.

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THE INDEX

Agora Will Discuss Stalin

Continuing its study of European dictatorships, Agora Society will discuss Stalin, dictator of Russia, at its next program meeting, January 7 at 7 p. m. Plans for the semi-open meeting will be discussed at this gathering.

Mathematics Club

Professor Raymond K. Morley of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute will speak on the subject "Linkages" at the next meeting of the Mathematics Club in Shakespeare, Friday, January 6, at 4:00 p. m.

Newman Club Dance

Mary Butler '40 is in charge of the Newman Club dance to be held jointly with the Harvard St. Paul's Club at A. K. X. Monday evening, January 9.

Poetry Society

Poetry and the Publishers will be the topic discussed before a meeting of the Poetry Society by Mr. T. H. Vail Motter, of the Department of English Literature, at Phi Sigma, Friday, January 6, at 8:00 p. m.

Class Officers' Dinner

The Senior Officers acted as hostesses at an informal dinner given for the officers of the four classes, Tuesday, December 6 at Shakespeare House. The class deans and Miss Seal Thompson, honorary member of the class of 1939, were guests of honor. After a buffet dinner, everyone joined in singing Christmas Carols led by Ellen Libby, Senior Song Leader.

Horton Club

The Horton Club held its Christmas party in a setting of Elizabethan England at Horton House, Saturday evening, December 10, at 8:00 p. m. A Watch helped recreate the atmosphere by following the old custom of calling the hours. The program consisted of carolling, old English songs and dances, a true Elizabethan dinner procession, and a mummer's play, "St. George and the Dragon." Members of the faculty made up the cast, which included Miss Mildred H. McAfee as Dr. Ball.

Tower Christmas Dinner

President Mildred H. McAfee and the five college deans were guests of Tower Court at their formal Christmas dinner, Monday, December 12. After the dinner, which took place in a dining-room gay with holiday decorations, Sophomores presented a short "mummer" skit in the traditional mediaeval style. Freshmen, costumed as assistants to Father Christmas, then presented the guests with plants, while an oak fireside bench was given "to Tower Court from Tower Court." Songs and carols followed the presentation. Patricia Paulsen '41 directed the entertainment.

DR. GOLDSTEIN TALKS ON PSYCHOLOGY TESTS

Professor Kurt Goldstein, formerly of Vienna, now head of the Department of Neuropsychology at the Montefiore Hospital in New York, and Professor of Neurology at Columbia, spoke to members of the faculty and students in advanced courses of the Department of Psychology Monday afternoon, December 12, in Pendleton Hall. Dr. Goldstein, one of the most distinguished psychologists of our day, and a leader in the *Gestalt* movement, is William James lecturer at Harvard for 1938-39.

Illustrating his talk with colored motion pictures, Dr. Goldstein spoke of work, especially mental testing, being done with patients who are suffering from impairment of faculties for abstract or conceptual thinking. The talk was preceded by a tea, and followed by a question period.

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Many List Dance In Optional Activities

Hygiene Department Abolishes Required Posture Classes For Girls of D Grade

The highest voluntary enrollment for the winter activities is in modern dance, with 51 in elementary and intermediate classes, and 30 in the Dance and Apprentice Dance Groups, making a total of 81. Badminton, basketball, and fencing come next with 75, 68, and 27 respectively. 25 have signed up for riding and Riding Club, 19 for Outing Club hikes, 9 for tap dance, 7 for gymnastics, and 2 for folk dance. The winter program affords more opportunity than previously for fencing, but until the new recreation building is ready for scheduled classes, only about half of the sophomores wishing to take badminton can be accommodated.

POSTURE WORK NOW OPTIONAL

Enrollment in individual gymnastics or after class posture groups is no longer compulsory for a freshman or sophomore who is below posture standard. Each student is responsible for achieving a posture photograph grade of at least C- before her work in the department is considered complete, but she may choose her own method of improving her posture, e. g. voluntary enrollment (for credit) in Hygiene and Physical Education 124 or 125, after class instruction, occasional conferences with an instructor, or simply independent effort. Required enrollment in 124 or 125 is only for those students whose orthopedic condition indicates the need of individually planned exercise, and for those who have completed their winter activity requirement, but not the posture requirement. Of the 67 Freshmen and advanced standing students whose posture photograph grade in the fall of 1938 was below C-, 39 chose enrollment in 124 or 125, 26 chose after class instruction or occasional conferences, one chose to make an independent effort, and one was disqualified because of illness. In the same year the grades received were as follows: A by 9.8%, B by 37.7%, C by 38.1%, D by 13.2%, and E by 1.2%.

VARIETY OF SPORTS OFFERED

In the required work, the modern dance enrollment is larger than it was last year. There are 190 beginners, 77 intermediates, and 17 advanced students taking this activity for credit. Gymnastics comes next with 66 in the elementary class and 69 in the advanced class. The election of Freshmen whose motor ability scores are in the two lower quartiles is limited to these two activities. Because of the increasing use of afternoon hours for scheduled conferences in academic subjects it is often impossible to assign students to their first choice. However, some idea of trends in student interests and department offerings can be noted from the following figures on winter season enrollments:

ACTIVITY	1937	1938
Modern Dance	237	284
Group Gymnastics	151	135
Badminton	90	90
Tap Dancing	91	88
Individual Gymnastics	81	80
Fencing	53	72
Restricted Activities	47	68
Folk Dancing	36	40
Riding	14	8

Out From Dreams and Theories

Behind the Scenes at Macy's

Any students, preferably Seniors, who are interested in possible employment at Macy's store in New York City or at Bamberger's in Newark, New Jersey, are invited to tour these stores during the Christmas holiday season.

Plans have been made to conduct tours through Macy's at 10:30 o'clock each morning from Monday, December 19, through Tuesday, January 3. Students should go to the Department of Training on the sixteenth floor, using elevators 35 and 36 in the Seventh Avenue Building. During this same period Miss Conklin in the Department of Executive Training and Placement will be available for interviews with any one who wishes to discuss possible placement with Macy's after graduation.

Tours through Bamberger's store are scheduled for Wednesday, December 28, and Thursday, December 29, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Students who would like to have interviews on these days should go to the Training Department on the ninth floor.

Summer Work

Students who are interested in working next summer, either as paid workers or volunteers, should register as soon as possible with the Personnel Bureau.

SKI ENTHUSIASTS HOLD MEETING, PLAN CARNIVAL

For the benefit of all skiers, either potential or experienced, the Outing Club held a mass meeting in Room 124 Founders Hall, Thursday, December 8, at 3:45 p. m.

Suzanne Van Dyke, the ski instructor explained the system of classification for lessons, prices and times at which lessons will be given. She also spoke of the etiquette and safety requirements on skiing, the proper equipment, and the way to select it.

Further details concerning the Wellesley Winter Carnival, and Lake Placid Intercollegiate Ski Races during Christmas vacation were explained as well as proposed trips from Wellesley during weekends, to such places as Mount Washington, or Mount Mansfield.

There will be a Winter Carnival dance Saturday evening, January 14 at Alumnae Hall.

ADMIRAL BYRD FINDS IMPORT OF SOLITUDE

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his struggles with flapjacks which stuck so hard to the frying pan that he had to dislodge them with a chisel and cable for assistance from Oscar of the Waldorf, and finally his poisoning from carbon monoxide fumes which almost killed him.

Some of the descriptions of Antarctic natural phenomena like the moon halo, aurora, and parhelia, are especially interesting. The author's appreciation of color and beauty is keen. He saw "The sky shatter like a broken goblet and dissolve into iridescent tipsy fragments—ice crystals falling across the face of the sun."

The use of the diary and the vivid writing leave one with the feeling that he has almost undergone, along with Byrd, the harrowing physical experience and gained "An appreciation of the sheer beauty and miracle of being alive, and a humble set of values."

L. S. S. '39

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C. A. NOTES

Christmas Stepsinging

Christmas Stepsinging was held Tuesday evening, December 13 on the chapel steps under the auspices of Christian Association. Ellen Libby '39 led the Christmas carols and college songs.

Dr. Julius Bixler

Dr. Julius Seelye Bixler, of Harvard University, gave a Christmas sermon in the chapel Sunday, December 11. Taking as his text a passage from the Song of Deborah which describes fighting of men as inevitable as are "the stars in their courses," Dr. Bixler considered the hope for peace in the world of today. In the light of history, it is difficult to deny that this is true. As long as there are still so many signs of spontaneous goodness in human nature, there is the strength to combat this inevitability. In the long run, good has triumphed in the past and will probably continue to triumph, for good is a cumulative thing whereas evil defeats itself.

Suffering is not always evil, said Dr. Bixler, for some of life's best and most beloved moments are linked with deep suffering. As Katherine Mansfield wrote, suffering can be overcome if it is accepted in all its intensity, and thus accepted, it turns into love.

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Fassett's To Offer Prizes For Contest

Editors of Literary Magazine Will Give Awards in Prose And Poetry Writing

The editors of *Fassett's*, a new literary quarterly, announce a fifteen day extension in their writing contest which now closes February 15, 1939. *Fassett's* magazine provides a field for new and young writers, and the material submitted will be judged solely on its literary quality.

Prizes will be awarded in both the short story and poetry divisions. For stories preferably of 5,000 words and less the first prize is $300.00; second $200.00; third, $100.00; fourth, $75.00; fifth, $50.00; and there are ten prizes of $35.00 each. For poetry, preferably under 64 lines, the first prize is $100.00, second, $50.00; third, $25.00.

Since the policy of the magazine is to print only the contributions of subscribers, all contestants, should enclose return postage, and $1.50 for a year's subscription. The editors will announce the winners in the spring issue.

After the contest has closed the editors will purchase material at the regular rate: prose, two to four cents a word, and poetry, one dollar a line.

Group View Campus Opinions In Nation

Student Opinion Surveys, a non-commercial organization of campus editors of which the Wellesley NEWS is a member, has published the results of its first two polls of campus opinion throughout the nation. This organization, by polls and interviews, will attempt to ascertain student attitudes toward various important issues, publishing weekly reports of their findings.

To the question "Should the United States offer a haven in this country for Jewish refugees from Central Europe?", 31.2 per cent of the students answered "yes," while the remaining 68.8 per cent answered "no." Among these answers, however, were suggestions that the United States should help oppressed German minorities in some way, such as offering them homes in United States possessions.

The second nation-wide poll of student opinion concerned itself with the question of football—"Do you believe professional football will some day become more popular than college football?" Although 24.2 per cent of students answered "yes" to this question, only 14.6 per cent would like to see such a condition come about.

Forty Wellesley students were among those interviewed for their opinions concerning the seven questions of this survey.